

In re Patent Application of:
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Confirmation No.: 4434

Art Unit: 2832

Examiner: R. M. Barrera

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

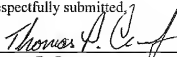
In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed June 4, 2007, Applicants submit this supplemental response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 27, 2007. Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 12, 13, 15, and 17-20, 24, and 25 for continued examination.

The Examiner has required applicant to elect a single species of the invention to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicants therefore provisionally elect the species of Group I, which the Examiner has defined as corresponding to element 4a, terminal contact. The Examiner asserts that claims 12, 13, 15, 17-20, 24 and 25 all correspond to the species of Group I. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction with respect to claims 21-23, because, Applicants submit that claims 21-23 also correspond to the species of Group I. The second connection is described in the patent specification as being either closer to the inside or closer to the outside of the switching device. See for example, paragraph [0007].

It is respectfully requested that each of claims 12, 13, 15, 17-20, 24, and 25 presently pending in this application be examined.

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